

NOTIFICATION OF INTENT

Name of Institution: CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Degree Title: B.Ed. Special Education.

Status: Existing Program, New Location

Location: Central Washington University – Lynnwood Center.

Delivery Methods: Traditional instruction/distance education.

Implementation date: Fall 2004.

Substantive statement of need:

The proposed program is intended to deliver a Special Education major with a Teaching English as a Second Language minor for students in the South Snohomish and North King County areas. It is made possible with a Higher Education Coordinating Board High-Demand Enrollment Grant.

Both the need and demand for such a program is evidenced in the shortage of both special education and English as second language teachers in the Washington State. Special education is one of four areas that the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) has identified as having a “considerable shortage” of teachers, with 983 vacancies in 2001-02. English as a second language is one of eight areas that the OSPI has identified as having “some shortage,” with 177 vacancies in the same time period.

The Washington State Employment Security Department (ESD) also forecasts strong demand for special education teachers, kindergarten through twelfth grade. The ESD predicts a robust average annual growth rate in special education positions of 1.6 percent from 2000-2005, and 1.9 percent from 2006-2010.

Estimated Cost/Source of funding:

Funds from a Higher Education Coordinating Board High-Demand Enrollment Grant will support this program.

Year 1 and full enrollment targets (FTE and headcount):

Year 1 enrollment expectations = FTE 25, headcount = 25; Full enrollment target expectations = FTE 25, headcount = 25.